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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO APPLY FOR THE FY 2015  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM 50/50 MATCHING GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro seeks to improve the recreation facilities at Parker Park Community Center by constructing a new pavillion and wishes to seek grant funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain the funds necessary to improve Parker Park recreation area, it is necessary to obtain a 50/50 Matching Grant from the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism's Outdoor Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the plans for the pavillion site have been prepared and the price therefore has been established at \$125,000; and

WHEREAS, the city will budget \$62,500 in the FY 2015 budget for the local match for said project; and

WHEREAS, this governing body understands the grantee and grantor will enter into a binding agreement (once awarded), which obligates both parties to policies and procedures contained in the *Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants Manual* including, but not limited to the following; the park area defined by the project boundary map, submitted in the application, must remain in outdoor recreation use in perpetuity, regardless if the property is bought or developed with matching grant funds and; all present and future overhead utility lines within the project boundary must be routed away or placed underground and; the project area must remain open and available for use by the public at all resonable times of the day and year; facilities can be reserved for special events, league play, etc. but cannot be reserved, leased or assigned for exclusive use, and; the project area must be kept clean, maintained, and operated in a safe and healthful manner. City Council is well aware and apprised of the above-mentioned project, and will provide the local portion of the development cost of the entire project; and

WHEREAS, if awarded said mentioned grant, the agreement will be presented to City Council for final execution approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Jonesboro, Arkansas that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to make application to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism for assistance to develop recreational facilities at Parker Park Community Center by constructing a pavillion; therefore such application shall be submitted as expediently as possible.